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Serial No. 10/607,079; Filing Date: June 25, 2003  
Examiner: Everett White; Art Unit: 1623  
Attorney Docket No. Rhodia.02036 US

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Applicants:

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Examiner: Everett White

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Title: GRAFTING POLYMERIZATION OF GUAR AND  
OTHER POLYSACCHARIDES BY ELECTRON BEAMS

**Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that the enclosed Request for Continued Examination and Amendment and Response To United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with supporting documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope properly addressed to MAIL STOP — AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on January 13, 2006.

January 13, 2006  
Date

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**Petition for Extension Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

On September 13, 2005, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a Final Office Action. A period of three months was provided for Applicants' Response. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time from the December 13, 2005, deadline to January 13, 2006, to file their Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. The extension fee of \$120.00 is included in the check Applicants have enclosed for government fees.

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**MAIL STOP – RCE**

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Dear Sir:

**Amendment and Response**  
**To United States Patent and Trademark Office**  
**Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**I. Introduction**

Applicants' *Amendment and Response* is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action ("Action") mailed September 13, 2005. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months, *i.e.*, until December 13, 2005. With the filing of this Response, Applicants have also filed a Petition for an Extension of Time of one month (to January 13, 2006) to file the *Amendment and Response*. Accordingly, the filing of Applicants' *Amendment and Response* on January 13, 2006, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 is timely.

The Action is a final Action. Accordingly, Applicants are also filing concurrently with the *Amendment and Response* a *Request for Continued Examination* with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), [I]f an applicant timely files a submission [*Request for Continued Examination*] and fee set forth in § 1.17(e), the Office will withdraw the finality of any Office Action and the submission will be entered and considered." For that reason, Applicants' *Amendment and Response* has been identified above as to a non-final Action.